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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY TO PAPER NO. 8: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Official Action mailed, October 23, 2000, petition for two months' extension of time and late fee being attached hereto with March 23, 2003, having fallen on a Sunday, please amend as follows according to the revised format (PTO Notice of February 6, 2003):

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